

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

November 8, 2018, 9:00 a.m. to 10:35 a.m.
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Roll Call (Board members only) and Introductions

Nancy Wright, Buford Crites, Ed Muzik, and Jayne Powell. The Board Clerk stated that a quorum was present. (Tom Davis arrived at 9:05 a.m.)

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Nancy Wright at 9:00 a.m. on November 8, 2018 in Palm Desert, California.

State and Regional Board Staff Present:

Paula Rasmussen, Frank Gonzalez, Katharine Buddingh, Abdi Haile, Kai Dunn, Nadim Shukry-Zeywar, Joan Stormo, Doug Wylie, Mary Castaneda, Terry Barnes, Kevin Heinemin, Adriana Godinez, Cathy Sanford, and Reginald Tan.

Others Present

Christina Sutton, Salton Community Services District
Tim Roberts, Salton Community Services District
Cary Packer, City of Needles
Sarah Lopez, Imperial Irrigation District
David Tate, Desert Water Agency
Steve Bigley, Coachella Valley Water District
Zoe Rodriguez del Rey, Coachella Valley Water District

Public Forum

There were no speakers during the public forum at this meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of September 20, 2018 Board meeting

Motion: Buford Crites moved, Jayne Powell seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously to adopt the minutes.

Uncontested Items

All items were removed from the Uncontested Calendar

2. Order R7-2018-0013 – Consideration of adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements for Salton Community Services District, Thomas R. Cannell Wastewater Treatment Facility, Salton City, Imperial County [Adriana Godinez, WRCE]

Adriana Godinez, Water Resources Control Engineer, provided background information on the facility and an overview of key changes to the permit.

Motion: Buford Crites moved, Jayne Powell seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2018-0013 with Errata.

3. Order R7-2018-0028 – Consideration of adoption of Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Disaster-Related Wastes during a State of Emergency within the Colorado River Basin Region [*Doug Wylie, Sr. WRCE*]

Doug Wylie, Senior Water Resources Control Engineer, provided an overview of requirements in the conditional waiver for disaster-related wastes during a State of Emergency within the Colorado River Basin Region.

Motion: Jayne Powell moved, Tom Davis seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2018-0028.

4. Order R7-2018-0033 – Resolution Approving the Local Agency Management Program (LAMP) for the City of Needles, San Bernardino County [*Reginal Tan, WRCE*]

Reginald Tan, Water Resources Control Engineer, provided an overview and background information on how the LAMPs are developed by local agencies and approved by the Colorado River Basin Water Board. He also presented information on the *Water Quality Control Policy for Sitting, Design, Operation, and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems* (OWTS Policy), including an overview of the various tiers within the policy and policy limitations. He also provided a summary of key requirements in the proposed City of Needles's LAMP.

Motion: Ed Muzik moved, Tom Davis seconded, and the motion was carried to adopt Order R7-2018-0033 after a roll call vote was taken. Yes - 4/No – 1:

Chair Nancy Wright-yes, Member Jayne Powell-yes, Member Tom Davis-yes, Member Ed Muzik-yes, and Member Buford Crites-no.

Chair Wright called for a brief recess at 10:01 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Informational Items

5. Informational Item: Salt and Nutrient Management Plan Update [*Cathy Sanford, EG*]

A staff presentation by Cathy Sanford, Engineering Geologist, provided information on the current status of and proposed changes to the Coachella Valley Salt Management Plan.

Speaker Cards

- Steve Bigley, Coachella Valley Water District
- Zoe Rodriguez del Rey, Coachella Valley Water District

6. Colorado River Basin Water Board Executive Officer's Report [*Paula Rasmussen*]

Paula Rasmussen reported that she and Chair Wright attended the Water Quality Control Committee (WQCC) meeting that took place in Sacramento on October 23-24, 2018. The topics covered included climate change, homelessness, and the Cannabis Program. She also mentioned various staff activities, including staff participation in Salton Sea Water Quality Advisory Committee meetings to provide guidance on the Salton Sea Management Program, and weekly meetings with stakeholders on the status of New River Improvement Project. She mentioned that she attended a Bi-National Technical

Committee meeting and tour, where staff gave an informational presentation on the New River Improvement Project. She also attended a meeting of the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC), where staff again provided a status update on the New River Improvement Project.

7. Colorado River Basin Water Board Member Comments

Board member Muzik commented that Hi-Desert Water District (HDWD) obtained an expanded loan with an additional \$8 million in grants from the county for the Yucca Valley wastewater project. This will allow HDWD to provide water to Pioneertown in San Bernardino County.

Board member Crites thanked and congratulated Board member Muzik and Chair Wright on running for public office.

8. Colorado River Basin Water Board Chair's Report

Chair Wright discussed the Water Quality Control Committee (WQCC) meeting that she attended on October 23-24, 2018 in Sacramento with Paula Rasmussen, Executive Officer. She stated that the meeting was very informative and one of the best she had ever attended, and that Mr. Kevin L. Faulconer, Mayor of the City of San Diego, gave a presentation on the homeless situation in the city. Chair Wright applauded the efforts of the City of San Diego to tackle this important issue.

9. Closed Session

There was no closed session held.

Adjournment of Board Meeting: This meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.